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## Illinois Department of Natural Resources Newsbits

### *Highlighting programs and events for the month of October 2013*

**Resident Archery Deer and Fall Turkey Permits:** The Illinois Archery Deer and Illinois Archery Fall Turkey seasons are open Oct. 1, 2013-Jan. 19, 2014. Resident combination archery deer permits, resident antlerless-only archery deer permits, and resident archery fall turkey hunting permits are available over-the-counter from DNR Direct license and permit vendors. Find a vendor near you at this link: <http://dnr.illinois.gov/DNRDirectMonitor/VendorListing.aspx>

**Non-Resident Deer and Turkey Permits:** The remaining non-resident Illinois combination archery deer permits, as well as non-resident antlerless-only archery deer permits and non-resident archery fall turkey permits, are available over-the-counter (OTC) from DNR Direct license and permit vendors. Season dates are Oct. 1, 2013-Jan. 19, 2014. Find a license and permit vendor near you at this link: <http://dnr.illinois.gov/DNRDirectMonitor/VendorListing.aspx>

**Remaining Firearm Deer Permits:** Those Illinois firearm and muzzleloader deer permits remaining available following the close of random daily drawings will be available over-the-counter (OTC) from DNR Direct license and permit vendors from Oct. 15-Dec. 8 (or until quotas are exhausted). Find a vendor near you at this link: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/LPR/Pages/LicensePermitVendors.aspx>

**Illinois Waterfowl Digest:** Review this season's Illinois waterfowl regulations with the *Illinois Digest of Waterfowl Hunting Regulations*, available online on the IDNR website at this link: [www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Documents/DigestWaterfowlHuntingRegulations.pdf](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Documents/DigestWaterfowlHuntingRegulations.pdf)

**Archery, Firearm, Muzzleloader, and Late-Winter/CWD Seasons CWD Sampling:** Deer hunters statewide in Illinois are encouraged to allow samples to be taken for chronic wasting disease (CWD) testing from adult deer they harvest.

The following locations are serving as CWD sampling stations, taking samples from entire deer or deer heads from October 1, 2013 thru Jan. 20, 2014:

<b>County</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Clay	Mike's Food Market, Louisville, IL 618/665-3151	M-Sat, 8am – 6 pm Closed Sundays
Coles	Stewart's Archery, 132627 Old State Road, Charleston, IL 217/345-8671	M-F, 10am – 9 pm; Sat-Sun, 9am – 9 pm
Crawford	Stork's Processing, 18066 W. Walnut St., Palestine, IL 618/586-2131	7 days a week, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Greene	Solo Deer Processing, 201 Main, Kane, IL 217-942-9126	Archery - M-Sun. 9am-5pm Shotgun - 8am-7pm
Henry	Woodhull Locker, 330 N. Division Street, Woodhull, 309-334-2235	8-5 M-F; 8-12 Sat closed on Sunday
Jefferson	John's Venison Processing, 22972 E. Rush Rd, Bluford, 618/237-5426	M- Sat, 7a.m. – 8 p.m. Closed Sundays
Jo Daviess	Muchow Taxidermy, 7056 W. Guilford Rd., Galena, 815/777-0506	Call 815/777-0506 for appointment.
Johnson	TALK Deer Processing, <u>600 N. Ferne Clyffe Rd., P.O. Box 159, Goreville, IL 62939</u> 618/995-2754, <u>talkdeer1@yahoo.com</u>	7 days per week – 8am to 8pm; Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and the day following each holiday. After New Year's hours subject to change, call ahead.
Kane	John's Elgin Market, 1620 Gilten, South Elgin, 847/741-6374	M-F 8am-7pm, Sat 9am-12pm, Sat-Sun during firearm season 8am-5pm,
Macon	Heinkel's Packing, 2005 N. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Street, Decatur, IL 217/428-4401	M-F 7:30am-5pm, Sat. 9am-12pm then 4pm-5pm, Sun 10am-11am then 7pm-8pm Days of shotgun season only 8am-7pm
Madison	Troy Foods, Inc., 404 E US Hwy 40, Troy, IL 618/667-6332	Mon – Sat, 8am – 5pm; Sun, Noon – 5pm Days of shotgun season only 8am-8pm
McDonough	Blandinsville Locker, South Main Street, Blandinsville, IL 309/652-3695	Hrs 8-12 Oct 1-Oct 15th 8-4 Oct 16th - Dec 15 or by appointment
McHenry	Jones Locker Service, 204 N Seminary Ave, Woodstock, 815/338-1016	M-F 9am-5:30pm, Sat-Sun 9-3:30, starting Jan. 1 Sat 9-5, Sun closed

McHenry	Dave's Bait, Tackle and Taxidermy, 4419 Rt. 176, Crystal Lake, 815/455-2040	M-F 7am-7pm, Sat 6am-7pm Sun 6am-5pm, closed Thanksgiving and Christmas, New Year's Eve 6am-3pm
McLean	Chenoa Locker, 8 N. Veto, Chenoa, IL 815/945-7323	Mon thru Fri 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat. 7 a.m. to Noon
Ogle	Headons, 103 Main, Creston, IL 815/384-3620	T-F 8am-5:30pm, Sat 8am-4pm
Perry	Lamczik Meat Processing, 245 S. Wells, DuQuoin, IL 618/542-2216	Monday – Friday 8am-5 pm Closed Saturday, Sunday
Pike	Valley View Custom Butchering, 36046 175 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Pleasant Hill (no phone)	Closed on Sunday Hours variable; someone usually around
St. Clair	Wenneman's Meat Co., 7415 State Rte. 15, St. Libory, IL 618/768-4328	M-F 7a-5:30p and Sat 7a-4p Closed Sundays
Stephenson	Harbach Meats, 6444 US 20 W, Freeport, IL 815/232-7807	M-F 8am-5pm, Sat 8am-noon
Stephenson	Wayne's Taxidermy, 6849 S. Koch Rd., Pearl City, IL 815/864-2140	Call 815/864-2140 to make an appointment.
Union	Campground Venison Processing 5565 St Hwy 146E, Anna, IL 618/697-0039	M-Sat, 8a.m. – 6 p.m. Closed Sundays
Whiteside	R & R Processing, 12261 Lincoln Rd., Morrison, IL 61270	815-772-4721
Winnebago	Smokehouse Processing, 5735 S. 9 <sup>th</sup> St., Rockford, IL 915/378-8641	Daily 9am – 5pm
Winnebago	Pinnons Meats, 2324 N. Court, Rockford, IL 815/962-0131	M-Sat 8am-6:30pm, Sun 9am-5pm
Winnebago	Eickmans Processing, Grant St, Seward, IL 815/247-8451	M-F 7am-5:30pm, Sat 7am-noon
Wisconsin	Authentic Taxidermy, 1849 Yates Ave, Beloit, WI 608/362-8323	Call 608/362-8323 to make an appointment.

The following sites are serving as self-serve drop-off sites where hunters can fill out a sample submission card and leave adult deer heads:

County	Location	Hours
Boone	Boone County Conservation District-Maintenance Bldg, 655 N. Appleton Rd., Belvidere, IL	M-Sun 8am-5pm
DeKalb	Shabbona Lake State Park, 4201 Shabbona Grove Rd., Shabbona, IL	M-Sun
DeKalb	Kishwaukee River State Fish & Wildlife	

	Area, Kirkland, IL (adjacent to Potawatomi Woods Forest Preserve)	M-Sun (at self-check station)
Jo Daviess	Pleasant Valley Township Bldg., 9009 E. Willow Rd, Mt. Carroll, IL (corner of Willow Rd and IL Hwy 78)	M-Sun
Kane	Aurora West Forest Preserve, 40W244 Hanks Rd., Aurora, IL	M-F, 830am-4pm
Kane	Muirhead Springs Forest Preserve, North Operations Shop, 42W797 Rohrsen Rd., Hampshire, IL	M-F, 830am-4pm
LaSalle	I & M Canal Seneca Grain Elevator 124 W. William Street, Seneca, 61360	M-Sun (east side of District Forester's office)
Lee	Franklin Creek State Natural Area, 1872 Twist Rd., Franklin Grove, IL	M-Sun
Ogle	Castle Rock State Park, 1365 W. Castle Rd., Oregon, IL	M-Sun
Ogle	Lowden State Park, 1411 N. River Rd., Oregon, IL	M-Sun
Winnebago	Rock Cut State Park, 7318 Harlem Rd., Loves Park, IL	M-Sun
Winnebago	Sugar River Forest Preserve, 10127 Forest Preserve Rd, Durand, IL	M-Sun
Will	Des Plaines Game Propagation Center, 30550 S. Boathouse Rd. Wilmington, IL	M-Sun

Test results will be posted by hunter phone number on the IDNR web site at:

<http://dnr.state.il.us/cwd/>

**Rendezvous at Spoon River Encampment:** Dickson Mounds Museum in Lewistown hosts the annual Rendezvous at Spoon River Encampment on the museum grounds on Oct. 5-6 and Oct. 12-13 from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. The living history weekend events are part of the Spoon River Scenic Drive weekends. Visitors will learn about the lifestyles, survival skills, and rich cultural history of Illinois 18th and 19th century inhabitants. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

**Native American Program:** Visit the Dickson Mounds Museum on Sunday, Oct. 20 from 1-4 p.m. for a 'Native American Game Day' program. Visitors will spend an afternoon enjoying a variety of intellectually stimulating and physically challenging Native American games. The event is free and open to the public. Dickson Mounds Museum is located at 10956 North Dickson Mounds Road, Lewistown. For more information, phone 309-547-3721.

**Fort Massac Encampment:** The annual Fort Massac Encampment is Sat., Oct. 19 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun., Oct. 20 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Metropolis, IL. The annual encampment festival celebrates the history of Fort Massac from the mid-18th to early 19th centuries.

Re-enactors bring to life the history of the fort with crafts, military drills, music, children's games, and a mock battle. Admission is free. For more information, call 618-524-4712.

**Annual Pheasant Hunt at Rend Lake Nov. 10-12:** Join hunters from throughout the state at scenic Rend Lake Resort on Nov. 10-12 for the annual Kim Presbrey Memorial Pheasant Hunt, hosted by the Illinois Conservation Foundation. Enjoy an afternoon of trap, skeet, and five-stand shooting at the Rend Lake Shooting Complex, followed by an evening pairings reception on Nov. 10, then a full day of pheasant hunting on Nov. 11. Lodging and meals are provided. Proceeds benefit ICF youth conservation education programs. Register online at [www.ilcf.org](http://www.ilcf.org) or phone 217-785-2003.

**ICF Wall Calendar:** Order the beautiful 2014 Illinois Conservation Foundation wall calendar today. The calendar will be available by Nov. 1, 2013. If you relied on the former *OutdoorIllinois* wall calendar, you'll definitely want to pick up a copy of this calendar. Proceeds from the sale of the 2014 ICF wall calendar will support youth conservation education programs in Illinois. The 9" x 12" calendar contains stunning photography of Illinois wildlife and natural resources and can be purchased for \$15, or two for \$29, or three for \$41.25. Order online at [www.ilcf.org](http://www.ilcf.org) or by phone at 217-785-2003. Checks and money orders can be mailed to Illinois Conservation Foundation, ATTN Wall Calendar, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271.

**ICF Raffle:** Tickets are available now for the 2013 Illinois Conservation Foundation Raffle, supporting youth programs at the Torstenson Youth Conservation Education Center in Pecatonica, IL. Raffle tickets are \$100 each or three for \$250. Raffle prizes – including a grand prize of up to \$100,000 – will be presented at a drawing in Sangamon County on Nov. 1, 2013. The raffle is being conducted in accordance with the Raffles Act. All business operations of the raffle take place exclusively in Sangamon County. Raffle tickets are available online at [www.ilcf.org](http://www.ilcf.org) and by mail at: ICF, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271.

**Trapping Permits Drawing in Pittsfield:** The IDNR will conduct a public drawing for the allocation of three Furbearer Trapping Permits – two for the Ray Norbut State Fish and Wildlife Area in Pike Co. (one for the main site near Valley City and the other for a satellite property near East Hannibal) – and the other permit for Weinberg-King State Park - Spunky Bottoms Unit in Brown Co. The drawings will be held at the IDNR Pittsfield Office at 7 p.m. on Wed., Oct. 16. Registration will begin at 6 p.m. at the office, which is located on Highway 106 West in Pittsfield. The permits will be valid for a two-year period. All persons entering the drawing must have a current 2013 trapping license in possession. The person whose name is drawn must be in attendance. Trapping will be allowed on the sites in conjunction with the statewide season dates and regulations. Some restrictions may apply. For additional information, call Weinberg-King State Park (217-392-2345) or the IDNR Pittsfield office (217-285-2221).

**Sangchris Lake Trapping Permit Drawing:** One trapping permit will be awarded at a public drawing to be held on Sat., Oct. 19 at Sangchris Lake State Park, 9898 Cascade Road, Rochester, IL 62563. Registration for the drawing will begin at 10 a.m. at the site office, and the drawing will be held at 11 a.m. Trapping will be permitted in the designated area from the statewide opening until Jan. 25, 2014, and include the extended spring season for mink and muskrat through Feb. 15, 2014; and, beaver and otter trapping, which are allowed through Mar. 31, 2014. A 2012 or 2013 trapping license or trapper education card will be required to register for the drawing. Two names will be allowed on the permit and registrants must be in attendance for the drawing. For more information about trapping opportunities, contact Sangchris Lake State Park at 217-498-9208.

**Trapping at Coffeen Lake:** Trapping permits will be awarded at a public drawing to be held on Fri., Oct. 25 at Coffeen Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area, Coffeen. Registration for the drawing will begin at 10 a.m. at the site office, and the drawing will be held at 11 a.m. Trapping will be permitted in the designated areas from the statewide opening until Jan. 25, 2014, and include the extended spring season for mink and muskrat through Feb. 15, 2014, and beaver and otter trapping which are allowed through Mar. 31, 2014. A 2012 or 2013 trapping license or trapper education card will be required to register for the drawing. For more information about trapping opportunities, contact Coffeen Lake SFWA at 217-537-3351.

**Weldon Spring Trapping Drawing:** A drawing to determine trapping privileges at Weldon Springs State Park will be conducted on Friday, Oct. 25. Trappers interested must apply to the park office prior to the drawing by calling 217-935-2644. Applicants for the lottery drawing must provide their name, address, phone number, and trapping license number. One trapper will be drawn to trap beaver, muskrat and raccoon, and statewide regulations and season dates apply. For more information, phone the Weldon Springs site office at 217-935-2644 between 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Trapping at Beaver Dam:** Two trapping permits will be awarded at a public drawing to be held on Mon., Oct. 28 at Beaver Dam State Park, Plainview. Registration for the drawing will begin at 10 a.m. at the site office for the drawing at 11 a.m. Trapping will be permitted in the designated areas from the statewide opening until Jan. 25, 2014, and include the extended spring season for mink and muskrat through Feb. 15, 2014 and beaver and otter trapping, which are allowed through Mar. 31, 2014. A 2012 or 2013 trapping license or trapper education card will be required to register for the drawing. For more information about trapping opportunities, contact Beaver Dam State Park at 217-854-8020.

**Trapping at Horseshoe Lake (Madison Co.):** Six trapping permits will be awarded at a public drawing to be held Mon., Oct. 28 at the site headquarters of Horseshoe Lake State Park, Granite City. Registration for the drawing will begin at 10 a.m. at the site office, and the drawing will be held at 11 a.m. Four permits will be allocated for Horseshoe Lake State Park, and trapping will be permitted from the statewide opening, with the exception that during waterfowl season live traps and land sets only will be permitted.

At the close of waterfowl season, all trapping will be permitted following statewide regulations. The remaining two permits will be allocated to the satellite site Gabaret, Mosenthein and Chouteau Island Area. Statewide regulations will be in effect for this area, including the extended spring season for mink and muskrat through Feb. 15, 2014, and beaver and otter trapping will be allowed for all areas through Mar. 31, 2014. A 2012 or 2013 trapping license or trapper education card will be required to register for the drawing. For more information about trapping opportunities, contact Horseshoe Lake State Park at 618-931-0270.

**Science Series:** The October Ill. St. Museum Science Series program on Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. will feature Dr. Duane Esarey of the Illinois State Archaeological Survey presenting 'Untangling the Piasa's Tale: A Revised Interpretation.' The program will be held at the Museum's Research and Collections Center, 1011 E. Ash Street, Springfield. Lost accounts and contradictory details have made painted images on the rock bluff at Alton, Illinois an enduring source of mystery. Learn more at this free program on Oct. 9 at 7 p.m.

**Super Saturdays:** The October 'Super Saturdays' at the Ill. St. Museum in Springfield is 'Rockin' Minerals' on Sat., Oct. 12 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The free event features activities recommended for children ages 3-8. Parents and families are encouraged to participate. For more information, call 217-782-6044. The Ill. St. Museum is located in the State Capitol Complex at 502 S. Spring St. in Springfield.

**Clean Vessel Grants:** The Illinois DNR is soliciting applications for grants to be awarded through the federal Clean Vessel Act grant program. Local governments and operators of private marinas, boat yards and yacht clubs may apply for the grants to build or upgrade marine sewage disposal systems and renovate pump-out stations used by recreational boaters. These grant funds help provide facilities for boaters to dispose of their waste in an environmentally safe manner. Applications must be sent to the IDNR by Nov. 1, 2013. IDNR will forward proposals to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for consideration. Applicants whose projects are approved will be reimbursed for up to 75 percent of allowable expenses to construct or renovate stations and waste reception facilities. Grant funds are generated from excise taxes on fishing equipment, import duties on tackle and boats and motorboat fuel taxes. Detailed information about the program and application forms are available by calling 217-782-2602 or by writing the IDNR Federal Aid and Special Funds Section, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271.

**National Fossil Day:** Visit the Illinois State Museum on Wed., Oct. 16 for National Fossil Day. The Museum is partnering with the National Park Service for the 4th annual event in which docents will answer questions and allow visitors to see fossils up close. Children visiting the Play Museum will have the chance to examine fossils under the video microscope. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 217-782-5993 or check the website at [www.museum.state.il.us](http://www.museum.state.il.us).

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